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**EBS
NEWS**



AND RELAX.

It is with pride that I write my final EBS news piece of the year. I am proud because I know how privileged I am to lead such a wonderful school. The strength and resilience our community has shown was inspiring to witness; staff, students and families responded immediately and with resolve to the challenges they were faced with. As a school we were prepared, we saw what was happening around the world and we made sure we had everything in place. The IT team gave out over 100 laptops to children well before the Government had even considered that this may be necessary and provided remote support to staff and students. The finance team contacted the local supermarket to ensure our free school meal families were supported. Teaching staff up-skilled themselves with online learning, our AEN team prepared differentiated work packs, and the premises and cleaning team enhanced their services. Our designer in residence and the DT department designed safety measures such as perspex screens and arrows on the floor to ensure we could maintain social distancing. The House leaders and Heads of Year created new and exciting ways to engage the children. The Catering team prepared meals for staff and students who remained in school and the admin team worked tirelessly to ensure everything was ticking over and that we are ready for our new year 7s next year. Colleagues liaised with our feeder primary schools and ensured that the transition to secondary will be as smooth as possible for our new students. East Barnet School remained open every working day from the 20th March, including half term and Easter to support our families. We became three institutions in one: an online school, a key worker school and then, when the year 10 and 12s returned, a more traditional school too! We linked up with Eton to provide a course for our year 13s and designed A-level bridging work for the year 11s as they had lost motivation with the cancelling of their exams. Teachers emailed and phoned home, and colleagues undertook home visits to check on students we were concerned about or to deliver work and vouchers. Counselling and mentoring appointments continued and, in the midst of all this, staff made visors and mask clips for NHS workers and we donated all our Science goggles to local GP surgeries. Whilst, I am sure with 1400 students and nearly 200 staff, there may have been some issues, I can say with conviction that, without question, we absolutely tried our best, we gave our all and we did everything we could, and for that I am proud. As a headteacher, there is nothing better than seeing the students thrive. The biggest congratulation and thank you must go to our students, they are our motivation and the reason we do what we do. This has been a difficult time for them and despite the challenges they have engaged, stayed motivated and produced some amazing work. Our parents became teachers and they too must be recognised for the sheer resilience needed to manage home and 'school' life. Throughout the pandemic I have remained positive and upbeat, tried to inspire and motivate our staff and students as best I could, but I have to say I have been heart-broken for our children. They missed out on the wonderful opportunities we had in store for them. They missed celebrating the end of their school year with their friends and teachers who adore them, especially our year 11 and 13 students who were not given the opportunity to prove themselves in their GCSEs and Alevels. Yet, please know this, we will do everything in our power to ensure that the students have a fantastic and safe return to school in September. We will identify the gaps in their learning and we will 'catch' them up. We will, as soon as it is safe, provide our enrichment programme and we will always look after them and care for them. We all need a break; relax, read, spend time with your families and let's come back refreshed and ready for a wonderful school year ahead. Please stay safe and ensure the students are sensible so that we can all return in September.

Many thanks,

L. Swaine, Headteacher

SUMMER WORK

The best thing that students can do over the summer is to read.

A minimum of 20 minutes everyday.

We have teamed up with another school trust and have access to a thorough and detailed online programme of summer learning.

If families feel their son or daughter would benefit from additional summer work, please [click here](#).

KEY DATES...

20th and 21st July 2020

Well-being days. School is physically and virtually closed.

7th September 2020

First day back for students.

Students from each year group will be invited in on different days.

The full timetable can be accessed on page 2 and via the EBS website.

14th September 2020

First full-time week for all students.

Please check out the wonderful *EBS Lockdown Virtual Concert 2020* featuring our very talented students and staff: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-A2WijY6RA4&feature=emb_logo

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REOPENING EBS IN SEPTEMBER 2020

LINK FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO EBS:

<https://bit.ly/2O9rltP>

LINK FOR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS
STARTING EBS:

<https://bit.ly/2ZVQh2D>

Links are also available on the EBS website.

Thank you.

This week's full VTALKS schedule:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS...

Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
You can join without needing an account, watch
how here:

– <https://vimeo.com/418436143>

VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our
library here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>

Please see our Schools Guide here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/School-Guide.pdf>



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MUSIC TUITION – AUTUMN TERM 2020

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, we will be unable to offer students one-to-one lessons in school for the Autumn 2020 term. However, BEAT, the company which run all of our peripatetic lessons at East Barnet School, have informed us that they will be offering 10 online lessons for the Autumn Term. These lessons will be conducted outside of school hours.

Enrolment for the Autumn term will be available from 10th July onwards, using the link below. The school will **not** be taking any payment directly, so it is important that you follow the guidelines from BEAT if you would like your child to have some instrumental provision next term.

My understanding is that the same teachers will be available (if your child has already been having lessons at EBS). Any new students wishing to start lessons will be given further information by BEAT after enrolment.

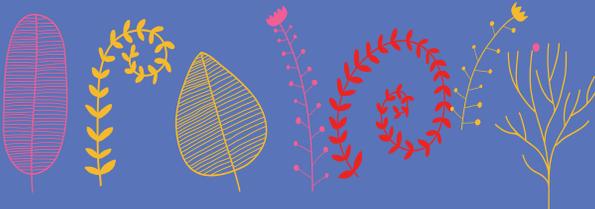
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

My email: emarriott@eastbarnetschool.com

Enrolment link:

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/online-lessons/>

Mr Marriott
Head of Music



Wellbeing Days for our students

July 20th and 21st are Wellbeing Days for our students

Teachers have come up with a range of fun, creative and inspirational learning challenges for you and your friends. We would like you to pick at least two and have a go! Click **HERE** to get started.

Details of how you can upload your photos, videos and tiktoks are also included in the link above.

We look forward to sharing them with the school community in the autumn term.

Enjoy the days, the weather looks good!



New Vacancy Exam Invigilator

We are recruiting for exam invigilators, please click here for more information.

<http://www.eastbarnetschool.com/vacancies/exam-invigilator/>

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!